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**53A-1-1503 Digital teaching and learning program task force -- Funding proposal for a program -- Master plan -- Reporting requirements.**

- (1)
  - (a) The board shall establish a digital teaching and learning task force to develop a funding proposal to present to the Legislature for digital teaching and learning in elementary and secondary schools.
  - (b) The digital teaching and learning task force shall include representatives of:
    - (i) the board;
    - (ii) UETN;
    - (iii) LEAs; and
    - (iv) the Governor's Education Excellence Commission.
- (2)
  - (a) The board, in consultation with the digital teaching and learning task force created in Subsection (1), shall create a funding proposal for a statewide digital teaching and learning program designed to:
    - (i) improve student outcomes through the use of digital teaching and learning technology; and
    - (ii) provide high quality professional learning for educators to improve student outcomes through the use of digital teaching and learning technology.
  - (b) The board shall:
    - (i) identify outcome based metrics to measure student achievement related to a digital teaching and learning program; and
    - (ii) develop minimum benchmark standards for student achievement and school level outcomes to measure successful implementation of a digital teaching and learning program.
- (3) As funding allows, the board shall develop a master plan for a statewide digital teaching and learning program, including the following:
  - (a) a statement of purpose that describes the objectives or goals the board will accomplish by implementing a digital teaching and learning program;
  - (b) a forecast for fundamental components needed to implement a digital teaching and learning program, including a forecast for:
    - (i) student and teacher devices;
    - (ii) Wi-Fi and wireless compatible technology;
    - (iii) curriculum software;
    - (iv) assessment solutions;
    - (v) technical support;
    - (vi) change management of LEAs;
    - (vii) high quality professional learning;
    - (viii) Internet delivery and capacity; and
    - (ix) security and privacy of users;
  - (c) a determination of the requirements for:
    - (i) statewide technology infrastructure; and
    - (ii) local LEA technology infrastructure;
  - (d) standards for high quality professional learning related to implementing and maintaining a digital teaching and learning program;
  - (e) a statewide technical support plan that will guide the implementation and maintenance of a digital teaching and learning program, including standards and competency requirements for technical support personnel;
  - (f)

- (i) a grant program for LEAs; or
- (ii) a distribution formula to fund LEA digital teaching and learning programs;
- (g) in consultation with UETN, an inventory of the state public education system's current technology resources and other items and a plan to integrate those resources into a digital teaching and learning program;
- (h) an ongoing evaluation process that is overseen by the board;
- (i) proposed rules that incorporate the principles of the master plan into the state's public education system as a whole; and
- (j) a plan to ensure long-term sustainability that:
  - (i) accounts for the financial impacts of a digital teaching and learning program; and
  - (ii) facilitates the redirection of LEA savings that arise from implementing a digital teaching and learning program.
- (4) UETN shall:
  - (a) in consultation with the board, conduct an inventory of the state public education system's current technology resources and other items as determined by UETN, including software;
  - (b) perform an engineering study to determine the technology infrastructure needs of the public education system to implement a digital teaching and learning program, including the infrastructure needed for the board, UETN, and LEAs; and
  - (c) as funding allows, provide infrastructure and technology support for school districts and charter schools.
- (5) On or before December 1, 2015, the board and UETN shall present the funding proposal for a statewide digital teaching and learning program described in Subsection (2) to the Education Interim Committee and the Executive Appropriations Committee, including:
  - (a) the board's progress on the development of a master plan described in Subsection (3); and
  - (b) the progress of UETN on the inventory and study described in Subsection (4).

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